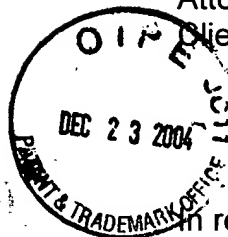


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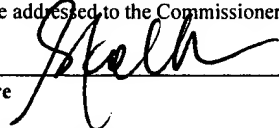
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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.116 and in response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application, please consider the following amendment and remarks.